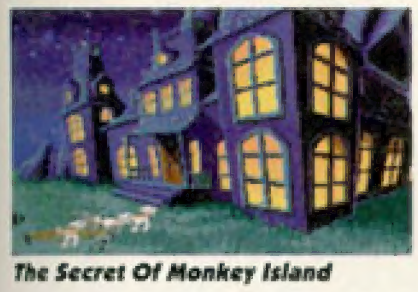
THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND (New entry, No 10)
EYE OF THE BEHOLDER (NE, No 12)

US Gold – as far as AMIGA POWER reviews are concerned, at least – has had a pretty successful year. They have, after all, just released three of the best, highest reviewed games anyone's seen in ages, and are currently basking in the high sales they deserve. *Eye Of The Beholder* only appears in our monthly chart at No12, but it actually topped the weekly ones for a while, and being 'long shelf life' sort of a product, looks like it'll continue to enjoy healthy sales for much of the year.

***Eye Of The Beholder* from US Gold**

***Monkey Island* isn't far behind either. Here's Danielle Woodyatt of US Gold to tell us all about it...**

'Yes, things are looking very good for us at the moment. The marketplace is certainly very strong on the strategy and



The Secret Of Monkey Island

adventure front – it seems to be the older Amiga owners who are buying the most full price product at the moment. It's nice to be publishing games that have been so widely acclaimed in the media too – you can see that by the reviews in AP and the Formats – and that offer such a high degree of variety, playability and value-for-money to the games player. With games like *Cruise For A Corpse*, the *Godfather* adventure, *Indiana Jones And The Fate Of Atlantis* and *Monkey Island 2: Le Chuck's Revenge* due later in the year, it looks like we'll be able to keep a strong flow of high quality releases going too.

We're still supporting the coin-op sort of product of course, especially for the 8-bits, but I think this year's strategy/adventure line-up points strongly in the direction we're intending to go. Certainly, on a personal level, I've not felt so good about US Gold and the products we're coming out with in ages!'

HERO QUEST (NE, No 21)

Gremlin got to No3 in the Amiga weekly charts (and No 1 in the ST, for some reason) with this nicely produced introductory role-player. Sean Kelly, an ex-Your Sinclair, Zero and CU Amiga journalist, is Product Development Manager there and had this to say...

'We're very pleased with the finished product, especially as it was one we initially thought might be difficult to bring to the home computers, but in actual fact the implementation of the board game is about as good as you can get. It seems like Amiga games players agree with us too, and we expect a fairly long shelf life, especially as we have an expansion pack for it coming out soon. It features various new scenarios taken from the board game expansion packs – such as

***Hero Quest* from Gremlin**

greater use of mind power, for instance – and should really help keep the high interest level up.

'In fact, *Hero Quest* points in one new direction we're intending to head in – we've got a game called *Space Crusade*, an Aliens-type space marine FRP shoot-'em-up which works in much the same way as *Hero Quest*, due for Christmas release too. This is based on another Games Workshop developed beginner's board game, but is probably a slightly more sophisticated product – you control a squad of four characters rather than an individual, for instance. Still, as far as *Hero Quest* is concerned the basic message is, as I said, that we're very pleased.'

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional ***** Nearly there **** Very good *** Has its moments ** Flawed * Dire

1 (NE) ARMOUR-GEDDON/ Psygnosis £25.99 ****
2 (12) GODS/ Renegade £25.53 *****
3 (37) DEFENDER OF THE CROWN/ Mirror Image £9.99 ***
4 (1) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY/ Code Masters £6.99 ****
5 (84) CHUCK ROCK/ Core Design £25.54 *****
6 (4) PGA TOUR GOLF/ Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
7 (42) MIAMI CHASE/ Code Masters £7.99 ****
8 (3) LEMMINGS/ Psygnosis £24.99 *****
9 (95) SUPERCARS 2/ Gremlin £24.99 ****
10 (NE) THE SECRET OF MONKEY ISLAND/ US Gold *****

11 (10) LITTLE PUFF IN DRAGONLAND/ Code Masters £6.99 **
12 (NE) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER/ SSI (US Gold)*****
13 (99) NORTH AND SOUTH/ Action Sixteen £7.99 ****
14 (14) ROCKET RANGER/ Mirror Image £10.99 ****
15 (NE) THE KILLING CLOUD/ Image Works £24.99 ***
16 (NE) SHERMAN M4/ Action 16 £7.99 ***
17 (22) NINJA RABBITS/ Micro Value £6.99
18 (2) SPEEDBALL 2/ Image Works £24.99 *****
19 (26) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD/ Kixx £7.99 *****
20 (9) TREASURE ISLAND DIZZY/ Code Masters £4.99 ****
21 (NE) HERO QUEST/ Gremlin Graphics £25.99 ****
22 (55) STEVE DAVIS WORLD SNOOKER/ CDS £9.99 **
23 (6) FINAL WHISTLE/ Anco £12.99 ****
24 (5) SWIV/ Storm £24.99 *****
25 (NE) INTERNATIONAL KARATE +/ The Hit Squad £7.99
26 (87) MEGATRAVELLER 1/ Empire £29.99 *****
27 (49) WONDERLAND/ Virgin £30.64 ***
28 (NE) CALIFORNIA GAMES/ Kixx £7.99 **
29 (NE) BRAT/ Image Works £24.99 ***
30 (30) MOONWALKER/ Kixx £7.99 *
31 (11) POWER UP COMPILATION/ Ocean £29.99 ****
32 (NE) EUROPEAN SUPERLEAGUE/ CDS £24.99 **
33 (28) KICK OFF + EXTRA TIME/ Anco £7.99 *****
34 (21) DALEY THOMPSON'S OLYMPIC CHALLENGE/ The Hit Squad £7.99 **
35 (20) R-TYPE/ The Hit Squad £7.99 ***
36 (25) F-19 STEALTH FIGHTER/ MicroProse £29.99 ****
37 (NE) CARRIER COMMAND/ Mirror Image £9.99 *****
38 (33) SPEEDBALL/ Mirror Image £9.99 *****
39 (7) VIZ/ Virgin £24.99 *
40 (15) CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS/ Code Masters £6.99 **
41 (16) KICK OFF 2/ Anco £24.99 *****
42 (40) PANZA KICK BOXING/ US Gold £24.99 *
43 (18) SUPER SCRAMBLE SIMULATOR/ Kixx £7.99 **
44 (46) GAUNTLET 2/ Kixx £7.99 ****
45 (13) SUPER HANG ON/ The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
46 (8) FORGOTTEN WORLDS/ Kixx £7.99 ***
47 (29) FAST FOOD/ Code Masters £6.99 ***
48 (66) LAST NINJA 2/ The Hit Squad £7.99 **
49 (27) 'NAM/ Domark £29.99 ***
50 (94) OPERATION WOLF/ Ocean £24.95 **
51(24) SUPER MONACO GP/ US Gold £25.53 ***
52 (57) STRIKE FORCE HARRIER/ Mirror Image £9.99 ***
53 (NE) THE RUNNING MAN/ Grandslam £7.99 **
54 (39) A-10 TANK KILLER/ Sierra £34.99 **
55 (32) DOUBLE DRAGON/ Mastertronic £9.99 ***

56 (63) AFTER BURNER/ The Hit Squad £7.99 *
57 (64) CLASSIC 4/ Energize £6.99 **
58 (NE) TOP CAT IN 'BEVERLY HILLS CATS'/ Hi-Tec £6.99 **
59 (NE) KULT/ Action 16 £7.99 ***
60 (NE) CHUCK YEAGER'S ADVANCED FLIGHT TRAINER 2.0/ Electronic Arts £24.99
61(NE) PLATOON/ The Hit Squad £7.99
62 (54) OPERATION WOLF/ The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
63 (NE) SWITCHBLADE/ Kixx £7.99 ****
64 (68) BARBARIAN 2/ Kixx £7.99 **
65 (NE) BACK TO THE FUTURE PART III/ Image Works £24.99 ***
66 (23) THE BARD'S TALE III/ Electronic Arts £25.99 **
67 (31) POWERMONGER/ Electronic Arts £29.99 *****
68 (45) HONG KONG PHOOEY/ Hi-Tec £6.99 ***
69 (56) LOTUS ESPRIT TURBO CHALLENGE/ Gremlin Graphics £24.99 *****
70 (NE) HILL STREET BLUES/ Krisalis £25.53 ***
71 (NE) MOONSHINE RACERS/ Millennium £24.99 **
72 (38) SUPER GRAND PRIX/ Code Masters £9.99 **
73 (35) FC MANAGER/ Energize £6.99
74 (50) ACES OF THE GREAT WAR/ BLUE MAX/ Mindscape £29.99 ***
75 (NE) ADVANCED FRUIT MACHINE/ Code Masters £6.99
76 (70) ROBOCOP 2/ Ocean £24.95 ***
77 (44) GALDREGON'S DOMAIN/ Players £6.99 **
78 (47) VIGILANTE/ Kixx £7.99 *
79 (41) OUTRUN/ Kixx £7.99 **
80 (19) TURRICAN 2/ Rainbow Arts £24.99 ***
81 (91) ARKANOID 2/ The Hit Squad £7.99 ****
82 (17) YOGI BEAR & FRIENDS IN 'THE GREED MONSTER'/ Hi-Tec £7.99 **
83 (NE) CHASE HQ II S.C.I./ Ocean £24.99 **
84 (34) FISTS OF FURY 2 COMPILATION/ Virgin £29.99 ***
85 (58) KAMIKAZE/ Code Masters £7.99 **
86 (NE) GARY LINEKER'S HOT SHOT/ Kixx £7.99 ***
87 (88) CRAZY CARS/ The Hit Squad £7.99 *
88 (74) TEENAGE MUTANT HERO TURTLES/ Image Works £24.99 *
89 (69) PRO TENNIS TOUR 2/ Ubi Soft £24.99 ****
90 (62) AXEL'S MAGIC HAMMER/ Kixx £7.99 **
91 (51) TRACK SUIT MANAGER/ Alternative £7.99
92 (NE) FUN SCHOOL 2 (UNDER 6)/ Database £19.95
93 (52) UMS II/ Rainbird £29.99
94 (59) HOLLYWOOD COLLECTION/ Ocean £24.99 ***
95 (82) POWER PACK/ Beau Jolly £24.99
96 (43) CONTINENTAL CIRCUS/ Mastertronic £7.99 ***
97 (NE) KENNY DALGLISH SOCCER MANAGER/ Zeppelin £7.99
98 (NE) PLAYER MANAGER/ Anco £19.99 ****
99 (65) M1 TANK PLATOON/ MicroProse £29.99 ***
100 (NE) WARHEAD/ Activision £24.99 ****

THE AMIGA POWER CHARTS: HOW THEY'RE WORKED OUT

- The Amiga Power charts are put together for us by Gallup (the folk who do the BBC pop charts among many others) based on a continuing survey of sales in a wide cross section of shops up and down the country – both independent computer stores and large chains like WH Smith. As such they're the most comprehensive charts it's possible to bring you. Doing thing's so comprehensively takes time, though – the chart above relates to sales during the April/ May period.
- There's no dividing the charts into 'Budget' and 'Full Price' sections for us – we're sure you're perfectly capable of doing that for yourselves if you want to – so the list you see here includes games at every price point. This way, you can see just how important budget sales are to the overall market – at this time of year, with few big full price titles being released, very important indeed.
- Each game is rated out of five stars (five red stars for the really, really excellent ones) using the same system as in The Bottom Line, to give you some idea of how good the things that are selling really are. Games which don't get any stars aren't necessarily total rubbish – they just happen to be the ones we've never really played, so can't properly comment on. Having said that though, there has to be a reason why nobody in the office has ever found it within themselves to sit down with them, hasn't there..?